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Contributions will be thankfully received by the Treasurers and Hon. Secretaries of the above Committees to assist eligible blind youths from their respective localities to obtain an education at the College.

REPORT.

1876.

In their last annual Report, the Committee thought it advisable briefly to state the objects of the work they had undertaken, as well as the progress made. Now that this, their fourth, Report is to be issued, they trust both the work of the Normal College and its object are sufficiently understood by the public, no less than by their Subscribers, to render unnecessary any detailed statement on this head.

It is generally known that the College was first established in temporary premises, at Upper Norwood, in 1872, and is now entering on the fifth year of its labours. Provisional and probationary in the beginning, it has long ceased to be in any sense an experiment. It has clearly met a national want in providing the means for the technical and higher education of the Blind of this country, especially as regards music; for, although a few among the Blind had thoroughly succeeded in Great Britain as tuners,

teachers, and organists, before the establishment of the College, yet these have been exceptional instances, and their success has been due to exceptional talent, energy, or opportunities. It is, moreover, found that in the older institutions the success of the pupils in after life is always in proportion to the amount of good teaching and good influence brought to bear upon them during their school life. It is, therefore, only reasonable to expect that, with still more careful teaching, the results will be far more satisfactory; and this is in accordance with the results already obtained during the short time the College has been in existence. It is much more difficult for the Blind fully to maintain themselves by manual labour than by the profession of music, and there are not many who, in point of fact, do fully maintain themselves in this way.

The annexed return of pupils trained at the College exemplifies the value of thorough training in this connection. Nineteen of these are at present regularly employed in different parts of the country as organists, teachers and tuners of pianos, and are fully earning their livelihood, with a prospect of still further improvement in their position and salaries. Considering that from three to five years must be taken as the lowest average time required to give the necessary education, that the institution is only just entering on its fifth year, and that the classes have had to be carried on with restricted accommodation while the building of the College was being pro-

ceeded with, this result must be deemed highly satisfactory and encouraging.

It proves, among other important facts, that the success attending similar efforts on the Continent, and in America, are attainable here by the use of the same means ; and that there is no prejudice against the employment of the Blind, either as teachers, or pianoforte tuners, and organists, which seriously interferes with their finding a remunerative field of labour in these several vocations both in the Metropolis and the Provinces.

The greatest difficulty has now been overcome. A beginning has been made. An institution has been established for the purpose of giving the higher education and technical training absolutely required for successful competition with the seeing. The Committee have been obliged to make a large outlay to secure a suitable site, to erect the necessary buildings, and to provide the requisite furniture, musical instruments, and educational apparatus. This part of their task has now, however, been nearly accomplished. Some further appliances, and minor works about the buildings and grounds, are yet required, and a heavy charge for outstanding liabilities to contractors and others still weighs upon them to the amount of some £7,000 ; but this once liquidated, the greatest obstacles to the progress of the educational work will have been permanently removed. It will only remain to secure from the charitable, and the friends of the Blind all over the kingdom, such an amount of support as may

be needful to provide annual scholarships for eligible pupils in those cases where their relatives are unable fully to supply the funds needed for their education.

There will remain a mortgage of £7,500 on the land and buildings originally purchased; but this can be paid off gradually, as donations and legacies outside of the regular sources of income provide the means.

The College, having now passed the tentative and experimental stage, due chiefly to the munificence of three or four of the leading promoters of the Institution, who, together, have given more than £10,000 within the last three years towards the work, the Committee cannot but hope that further aid will be afforded by the public at large, after so much has been effected by private liberality. The progress and results have fully justified the expectations that were formed at the commencement of the undertaking, and there is no longer any room for doubt that the College, when fully completed in its several departments, will accomplish the same valuable results, both in the interests of the Blind and of society at large, that have so long been obtained by similar means in France and America. The Committee therefore confidently trust that the public will appreciate the importance of promptly affording them effective co-operation and support.

The friends of the Blind in several large towns in England and Scotland—among others, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Dundee, Paisley, Leeds, Liverpool,

Manehester, Bristol, and Reading—have formed local committees, in order to assist eligible candidates from their respective localities by means of scholarships subscribed for their benefit. This being one of the most suitable methods of supporting the permanent work of the College, it is hoped that those who are in a position to do so may be induced to adopt it, as the most effective mode of permanently benefiting the whole class of the Blind throughout the kingdom. Not only the destitute may be thus rescued from a life of pauperism and dependence, but the widows of professional men, and a great number of deserving persons, whose means do not enable them to educate blind children at home, can accept this form of assistance, carrying with it an honourable distinction, though they would naturally shrink from soliciting aid from charity in any other form, or obtruding their own and their children's wants upon the notice of others.

They have only, in conclusion, to call attention to the Statement of Accounts appended to this Report, and to express their warmest thanks to the many earnest friends of the Institution who have so largely and liberally contributed the means for securing the measure of success already attained, and in anticipation of the still greater results which may be safely counted upon in the immediate future. It is a good rule to 'think nothing done while aught remains to do,' and the urgency of the appeal now made is dictated by this feeling. In this, as almost everything else, the first real requirement is *money*; and to put the financial

affairs of the Institution, as has already been shown, on a satisfactory basis, much yet remains to be done. The College, like so many other institutions in their infancy, has all the disadvantages of a large establishment, without its corresponding benefits. While it is incomplete, and until it is enabled to receive the number of pupils for which it was originally designed, it must continue to be expensive, and to exhibit to the world results apparently not commensurate with the aid received. A large staff of an expensive kind has to be maintained—and a costly provision of educational appliances, added to various current expenses, the proportion of which per head will all be greatly diminished when the number of pupils is brought up to the capacity of the building. The Institution and the staff is necessarily arranged on the scale needful for the complete education and training for 100 pupils. Economy itself therefore calls for the earliest possible completion of the whole plan.

Since the issue of their last Report the Committee have had to regret the loss of several of their most valued supporters and fellow-labourers. The death of the Hon. William Ashley, their chairman, was only announced while this sheet was going through the press; and they were deprived of the services of Mr. Charles Harcourt Chambers, and of Mr. Henry Scwell, and of Mr. Leighton, of Liverpool, some months ago, all of whom had, at different periods, and in various ways, taken an active part in the work of the Committee.

They have also to record with regret the loss of Mr. George Moore, one of their Trustees, and a liberal supporter of the Institution.

They cannot close this Report without expressing their great obligations to the Duke of Devonshire and to the Duke of Westminster for the use of their mansions during the past year, to enable the pupils to give a concert at each. They are also especially indebted to Mrs. Benzon for the concert she was good enough to give at her own house in Kensington Palace Gardens, by which a sum of £139 was added to the funds of the College. To Dr. Armitage they are once more deeply indebted by his generous gift of three organs, very urgently needed, at a cost of 1,000 guineas, and for a further sum of £275, spontaneously offered to cover the expense of some additional work in the new buildings not included in the estimates. From Mr. Gardner also they have received a further munificent gift of £1,000, being a third donation of the same amount.

REGULATIONS FOR VISITING THE COLLEGE.

The College is open to public inspection every **TUESDAY** at 3 p.m. Subscribers and friends who may wish to visit the Institution at other times may obtain Cards of admission on application to the Principal at the College, or to the Secretary at the Office.

The College is situated at Upper Norwood. The entrance is in Westow Street, near the Crystal Palace High Level Station. An outline Map showing the position of the College and of the different Railway Stations in the neighbourhood may be found on the Cover of this Report.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

In this brief Report, I shall present only the most important points.

Since January 1st, 1876, we have had eighty pupils on our books; seven did not remain beyond the time of probation, either on account of ill-health or for want of ability; one left for want of means; two accomplished the special objects for which they came; one returned to France, and one was partially restored to sight. Seven completed their course, of whom four are employed by well-known firms in Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Bristol, and three are successfully forming private connections as piano-forte tuners. Our present attendance is sixty-two, and arrangements have been made for the admission of several others.

The following facts and tabular statement will show the result of the technical training in the College. If we do not include private pupils who are not obliged to depend upon their own exertions for self-maintenance, those who have been to the College for special purposes, and those who have not completed their course either for want of means or other reasons, we have had 23 pupils leave the College since 1874. Of the 23 who have left, three are failures, three are having a hard struggle, and the remaining 17 are attaining very satisfactory results.

	FAILURES.	DOUBTFUL.	STATEMENT OF WAGES.	
			Earnings per week, 10s. to 20s.	Earnings per week, 20s. to 50s.
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N.			I	
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V.				I
W.				I
Total - - -	3	I	5	14

Those marked thus (*) are earning 30s. per week and upwards.

We have also five other pupils, all promising subjects, who will soon be prepared to leave the College; and several of our girls, though still pursuing their studies, are earning from £20 to £30 per annum by giving private lessons, by singing, and as pupil-teachers.

Thus far we have laboured under very great difficulties, which were unavoidable with our temporary arrangements; but as soon as our new building has been properly equipped, we shall be able to carry on in the most effective manner the technical training of more than one hundred pupils.

N.B.—See letters in regard to the employment of pupils on pages 29 and 30.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Teachers :—Miss M. C. GREENE, Miss E. S. ADAMS.

Pupil-teacher :—LIZZIE SCOTT.

We begin and close each day with simple devotional services. The recitations and lessons, with the exception of piano-forte classes, continue forty-five minutes—fifteen minutes of each hour being devoted to recreation.

Each pupil is also required to spend an hour in the gymnasium for special gymnastic training.

Classes have received instruction in reading, writing, spelling, defining, Bible history, English grammar, analysis, elocution, objects, natural history, political and physical geography, physiology, natural philosophy, arithmetic, and geometry.

In the evening, all the pupils are required to listen to well-selected historical and general reading, and for this purpose they are arranged in classes, according to age and ability.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Professors.—*Piano*, FRITS HARTVIGSON, Esq.

„ *Organ*, E. J. HOPKINS, Esq.

„ *Singing*, J. Q. WETHERBEE, Esq.

Pupil-Teachers.—ANNIE FERGUSON; ANNIE JONES; JEANNIE DICK; AMELIA CAMPBELL.

Through the earnest labours of our able teachers,

the pupils have made great progress in this department during the year.

PIANO AND ORGAN RECITALS.

In his regular pianoforte recitals, Mr. Hartvigson is playing and carefully analysing the most useful works for the piano. As we now have an excellent organ in our new hall (through the liberality of Dr. Armitage) Mr. Hopkins will do the same for the music of the organ.

CHAMBER MUSIC.

Without expense to the College, I have established a professional string quartette, which will be known as the Royal Normal College Quartette; it is composed of Messrs. Deichmann, Wiener, Hann, and Daubert. The weekly performances of this quartette, with, and for our pupils, will afford them the best facilities for *ensemble* playing, and will make them acquainted with the chamber music of all the most eminent composers.

On the last Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 p.m., we shall have, in our own hall, a Classical Chamber Concert. The quartette, teachers and pupils of the College, will be assisted by a number of the most eminent artistes, both vocalists and pianists, who have kindly volunteered their services for the first series of thirteen concerts. This series of concerts will begin

on Thursday, May 31st, 1877, and will close on Thursday, July 25th, 1878. The concert in December will be on the Thursday preceding Christmas. Subscription for the thirteen concerts, £1 1s. The tickets will be transferable.

We have been fortunate in securing the services of artistes who are also eminent teachers of their respective instruments. We are now prepared to take, on favourable terms, sighted day pupils on the piano, organ, violin, violincello, other orchestral instruments, and in singing.

MUSICAL PRIVILEGES.

Besides *ensemble* playing with our professional Quartette, we shall also make arrangements for our pupils, from time to time, to enjoy opportunities of singing and playing with an orchestra. This is the highest achievement of the art, and will give a completeness to the technical training and musical education, which the Royal Normal College has undertaken to provide for the Blind.

EMPLOYMENT.

The gratifying success which has been attained by our pupils as organists, singers, and pianoforte tuners, must awaken a new interest in the technical education

of the blind, especially of blind girls. While this report has been going through the press, two good organ situations have been opened to our female pupils. Some of our best soloists, both vocalists and pianists, will be glad to receive engagements, either separately or in concert; they can furnish solos, duetts, trios and quartetts for female voices, part songs for mixed voices, and drawing-room music for the pianoforte. Our pupils can also be engaged with the string quartette of the College. We shall be glad to receive orders for tuning pianofortes anywhere within the London postal district. We have two excellent tuners who have received a thorough training at the College, and have served an apprenticeship at manufactories, one at Messrs. Broadwood and Sons, the other at Messrs. Brinsmead and Sons. These tuners can also do light repairing, such as putting on strings and replacing hammers. As more extensive repairs are often required, we have an expert sighted workman, who will attend to this part of the business. All orders should be addressed to F. J. Campbell, Esq., Royal Normal College for the Blind, Upper Norwood, S.E.

ORGANS.

Dr. Armitage, to whom we already owe so much, has presented the College with one large, and two small, organs, which have been erected by Messrs. Foster and Andrews, of Hull, at the cost of a thousand guineas. The two small organs, one for the boys, and one for the

girls, have been so constructed with regard to pedals and other essentials, as to afford great facilities for practice. The large organ, placed in the hall, is a model instrument in all respects, and will give our more advanced pupils every advantage which can be desired. The wind for the three is supplied by an atmospheric engine, thus saving the time of three persons, who would otherwise be required to blow them. The erection of these organs will have a great influence on the future success of our pupils, for the *best* appliances are essential to the *highest* success—a fact, it is feared, which is too often forgotten.

The Messrs. Broadwood, who have always been among our most liberal patrons, have recently placed one of their finest concert grands in our new hall for the use of the College.

TUNING DEPARTMENT.

Teacher.—J. EWING.

The removal of this department from the damp, ill-ventilated, and uncomfortable rooms of the old stable provisionally utilized, to the new building, will add to its efficiency, and greatly promote the health and comfort of our pupils. Each year the importance of this department becomes more and more apparent, and with our new accommodations its growth will be more rapid than hitherto.

Piano-forte tuning is one of the best employments for the blind, but I cannot urge too strongly the necessity of *thorough* training. If we ask the public to employ blind workmen, they must serve a regular apprenticeship, and fit themselves to do *good* work. The blind will all be eager to press into the business, and unless great care and firmness be exercised, the country will soon be filled with bad workmen, which would operate to prevent those who are really efficient from getting employment. I trust the managers of other institutions will unite with us in doing all that is possible to prevent such a calamity.

To enable the blind to become efficient piano-forte tuners it is absolutely essential that they should work a number of hours daily, under suitable tuition, for a period of at least three years. A few are able to succeed in a shorter time, but these are exceptions. Even if a good ear and other requisites are possessed, long practice is necessary to bring the muscles of the wrist and hand under control.

The urgency of friends, and the want of means often present the strongest inducements to depart from the rule requiring thorough preparation. The friends of a pupil can always give potent reasons why his circumstances should be considered exceptional. To obviate these difficulties the rule of the College is to grant certificates only upon the report of disinterested authorities who examine the work. None but those possessing such certificates are entitled to offer themselves as tuners qualified to act in that capacity by the College.

Our advanced pupils continue to work successfully in some of the leading piano-forte manufactories.

I cannot close this part of my report without expressing my sense of obligation to our faithful teachers and officers. You are already aware of the zeal and ability which they have displayed in the instruction of their classes.

This is only a part and by no means the most important part of their work; the personal influence, the watchful care exercised in regard to even the smallest details of every day life are almost parental. The word of admonition here, of encouragement there, and loving help so cheerfully given, will do much toward the formation of a true and manly Christian character.

NEW BUILDING.

The completion of our building has enabled us effectively to reorganise all the departments of the College. It is so arranged that each department forms an independent whole: the first story is occupied by the tuning department and young men's music-rooms; the second, by the school department and boy's music-rooms; the third, by the large hall and girls' music-rooms; the fourth is at present only used for dormitories.

The grounds around the school building are divided into five terraces; these are an important feature in our arrangements, forming natural boundaries between the playgrounds of the different ages and sexes. Although the large playground is still unfinished, the broad walks around the building and on the terraces, with a fine out-

door gymnasium for the boys, afford good facilities for physical training. During the recesses, I often stand on the bridge which leads from the third terrace to the central entrance of the building, to listen to the merry voices of our boys and girls at play on every side. At the ringing of the bell, the happy groups move quickly towards the various entrances of the building. Within two minutes all has changed,—the parallel bars, climbing ropes and ladders, the whip and reins, the skipping-rope, swing and tilt, have given place to the map, globe, geometrical diagrams, type - writer, tuning - hammer, piano and organ. If the doors of the corridors leading to the various departments are opened, the three organs, the voices, and nearly fifty pianos produce a confusion of sounds that is almost bewildering; but close the doors and each department moves on without conflicting with any other.

PRESENT POSITION.

I am aware that a large sum is still due to the builders and hot-water engineers, and that the demand for payment is so urgent that it cannot be postponed. As soon, however, as these liabilities have been met, I trust that arrangements will be made immediately for extending our work. When the whole has been properly equipped, we shall be able to receive and effectively train more than one hundred pupils.

The completion of a noble building, erected to promote the technical education of the blind, open to

all who have the requisite ability without distinction of class or sex, almost perfect in its internal arrangements, and beautifully situated within the artistic influences of the greatest city in the world, marks a new era in the progress of education. As the electric light penetrates far into the darkness, and guides the mariner on his way, so will the influence of this Institution illuminate the pathway of the blind.

Our seeing brothers who "go down in ships" and "do business in great waters," have been inclined, in their hurry, to take us on board and give us the bread of idleness. In the future, those who would truly benefit the Blind, will help them to obtain a practical education adapted to their wants, and thus enable them to work their own barks across the sea of life.

F. J. CAMPBELL, *Principal.*

RULES AND TERMS FOR THE ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

1.—The College is open to the Young of either sex and of any rank, but only those will be received as pupils who, in the opinion of the Principal, shew sufficient ability to render it probable that by instruction they can be rendered capable of self-support.

2.—As without previous trial it would in many cases be difficult to determine whether an applicant for admission has sufficient capacity for the kind of education given at the College, candidates will first be received as *probationers* for a period of three months or less. If, at the end of that period, they are found to possess adequate ability, they may become permanent pupils.

3.—The expenses of maintaining a pupil at the College may either be defrayed by the parents or friends of the pupil or he may be nominated to a "Scholarship," subscribed for by individuals, Corporations, or Local Committees, organised for the purpose in any town or neighbourhood.

4.—Although the College is a Charitable Institution, and specially destined to benefit the poorer class of the Blind who are unable to provide for their own education or maintenance, its expenses are chiefly to be provided for by an average payment for each pupil, aided by a subscription list of general benefactors. Until this latter takes larger proportions, the actual expenditure has to be covered nearly wholly by the annual charge for the pupils subscribed for by individuals, Corporations, or Local Committees.

5.—The annual charge for pupils up to 13 years of age is £50 per annum; and over 13 years of age, £60 per annum.

6.—For private pupils the terms will, in each case, be matter of special arrangement.

7.—The charges for resident pupils include board, lodging,

washing, and medical attendance ; but not clothing or travelling expenses. Payments in all cases must be made for each term in advance. All cheques and Post Office Orders, in payment for pupils, should be sent to the Principal at the College. Reductions in these terms are made for specially eligible destitute candidates, according to the funds at the disposal of the Committee.

8.—It is suggested that in the case of pupils sent as free scholars the parties so sending them may require that an agreement shall be signed on behalf of the pupils that, in the event of their subsequently earning a sufficient sum to repay the whole or part of the cost of their education, they should do so by instalments, such repayments to go towards the formation of fresh scholarships. A double advantage would accrue to the Blind from this arrangement, namely, a feeling of independence on their own part would be encouraged, and a fund would be secured for continuing the benefits of the Institution to others.

9.—The School year will be divided into three terms :—The first term will begin on the first Thursday in October, and close on the 23rd December ; the second term will begin on January 2nd, and close on March 31st ; the third term will begin on the 1st of April, and close on the first Thursday in August. The summer vacation will begin on the first Thursday in August, and close on the first Thursday in October. Except in cases of severe illness, the pupils are expected to be in attendance at the College on that day.

10.—As it is of the utmost importance to keep up home ties between pupils and their families, it is desirable that all pupils shall spend at least the summer vacation with their parents or friends.

11.—All pupils must be provided with strong clothes, either new or in perfect repair, as in the lists, which will be supplied at the college on application, and their parents or friends will be required to renew the clothing when deemed necessary by the Committee.

12.—In all cases the following form must be filled up by a duly qualified medical practitioner. The questions are not, however, put with a view to exclusion, but for information regarding the pupils :—

- (a.) Is the applicant totally blind, or, if only partially so, has he sufficient sight to enable him to follow any profitable employment?
- (b.) What appears to have been the cause of blindness?
- (c.) Has the applicant had the smallpox? Has he been vaccinated, and is there satisfactory evidence that the infection was complete?
- (d.) Has he had the measles, whooping cough, or scarlet fever?
- (e.) Has he been subject to epileptic or other fits?
- (f.) Is he free from scrofula or cutaneous disease?

(Signed) _____

13.—In cases in which the pupil is not entirely paid for by his or her friends, the following engagement must be signed by two respectable householders, independent of the parents, and witnessed by the clergyman of the parish, or a magistrate, or by a member of a Local Committee:—

We, the undersigned, do jointly and severally engage, as long as

remains a pupil in the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, to keep him or her supplied with the stock of clothing required, as in the list furnished by the Committee; and, further, to take and remove

from the College during the vacations, or whenever required to do so by the Committee, and to pay all expenses of such removal, and, in case of death, all funeral expenses.

Dated this day of

Signatures {

I hereby certify that I have witnessed the signatures of the above-named

and that the persons signing are respectable householders.

Minister of _____

Magistrate.

Member of the _____

Local Committee of
the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for
the Blind.

Dated this _____ day of _____

14. Applications and inquiries in regard to the admission of pupils should be addressed to the Principal, F. J. Campbell, Esq., Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, Upper Norwood, S.E.

Letters from Sir Charles Reed, Chairman of the London School Board, and Henry Leslie, Esq.

Earlsmead, Page Green, Tottenham, 27th April, 1877.

F. J. CAMPBELL, Esq.

Dear Sir,—Lady Reed and I desire to thank you and Mrs. Campbell for your great courtesy to us on the occasion of our recent visit to the college.

We were greatly gratified by the inspection of the establishment, and I feel assured that your system of instruction, both in general subjects and in music, is most efficient.

I have always felt that the blind are specially apt to receive mathematical and musical teaching if from highly-trained teachers, and so far as we could judge, your instructors are eminently fitted for their work.

Wishing the college all success under your enthusiastic management.

I am, dear sir, yours truly,
CHARLES REED.

59, Conduit Street, W., May 4th, 1877.

DEAR MR. CAMPBELL,—I cannot refrain from writing to tell you how greatly I was pleased with all that I saw and heard at Norwood yesterday, and how sincerely I congratulate you upon the excellent results obtained.

At the little concert you gave us I can honestly say that it reflected the greatest credit upon all concerned, both upon the teachers and the taught. Though I should have liked to see the elementary work, I have not a scrap of doubt as to its thorough goodness, for such results as were presented, whether from the solo singers, the organ playing, the pianoforte performance, or the choral *ensemble*, conclusively proved that point. All that I heard was good, and some portions of it were quite artistic. How you can attain such results is a mystery to me!

I can in no way so well and practically show my sympathy with the noble work of philanthropy in which you are so earnestly engaged as by proposing to give a concert in aid of your funds early in 1878, if we can but find a suitable time and place. At it I shall, with your permission, introduce some of those musical students who yesterday gave me so much pleasure.

Believe me, sincerely yours,
HENRY LESLIE.

F. J. Campbell, Esq.

THE following extracts from letters in regard to the employment of our pupils will be found interesting.

6, Windsor Terrace, Clifton, July 11, 1876.

MY DEAR MR. CAMPBELL,—Our two ex-pupils are doing extremely well, and are as steady as possible. B. is a great favourite at the places he goes to, and is steadily increasing his practice. H. T. is in the largest pianoforte maker's here, and the last report of him was, they "would take more of the same sort if they could get them."

Very truly yours,

J. COLLIE, Hon. Sec. of the Bristol Scholarship Com.

Glasgow, Oct. 24, 1876.

MY DEAR MR. CAMPBELL,—When I went to my place there were no arrangements made about pay or anything else. Mr. Pentland's idea was, that I would have to tune in the workshop for some time. The second day there were six pianos going out to a boarding school, and no one being in, he asked me if I could tune and regulate them. Of course I said "Yes." He looked at them before they went out, and was highly pleased. I never went to the workshop. I am receiving £1 per week till they get busy, and expect 25/- per week next month. You will find enclosed in this letter a note from Mr. Pentland.

Yours sincerely,

R. W.

49, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, Oct. 24, 1876.

F. J. CAMPBELL, ESQ.

Dear Sir,—We have much pleasure in informing you that R. W. is giving us great satisfaction as a piano-forte tuner, is most attentive to his duties, and in every other respect his conduct is most exemplary.

Yours truly,

SWAN & PENTLAND

Glasgow Mission to Out-door Blind, Glasgow, Feb. 9, 1877.

My DEAR MR. CAMPBELL,—I called on Connor's employer yesterday, and was glad to hear that he is getting on very well and giving general satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

J. McDONALD.

MR. CAMPBELL,

Bideford, Feb. 8, 1877.

Dear Sir,—I have seven new pupils; my income at present averages from £2 to £2 10s. per week, and still on the increase. The profit on concerts is not included, as I consider that apart from my regular income.

Yours very truly,

C. H.

MR. CAMPBELL,

Aberdeen, Jan. 4, 1877.

Dear Sir,—You will be glad to hear of my safe arrival. I got without difficulty a nice situation. I am engaged as out-door tuner, although I also tune in the wareroom; pay at present 30s. per week.

Yours respectfully,

O. McI.

ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE AND ACADEMY OF MUSIC FOR THE BLIND.

Dr.

FOUNDATION, BUILDING, AND OUTFIT FUND.
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FROM JANUARY 1ST, 1876, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1876.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance in hand, January 1, 1876	. . .	2,602 12 8	By General Expenditure :—
Receipts :—			Payments for new Buildings £4,447 9 6
Donations . . . . .	. . . . .	Furniture, Linen, &c., both for House, School, and London Office	165 16 11
Interest from Bankers	£2,913 6 6 9 10 2	Interest on Mortgage	333 5 8
	—————	Interest on Loans	18 1 8
	2,922 16 8	Alterations and Fixtures	34 18 1
		Purchase of Musical Instruments	40 0 0
		School Apparatus, Books, and Appliances	11 11 3
		Office and General Expenses :—	5,051 6 1
		Expenses of Public Meetings and Concerts £47 15 0	
		Rent, Rates, and Taxes	86 5 5
		Salaries	228 16 0
		*Travelling Charges	107 10 2
		Printing and Advertising	8 8 0
		Postage, Stationery, and Sundries	42 0 1
		£520 14 8	
		" Less proportion chargeable to Current Expen-	
		diture	173 11 7
		" Balance unexpended	347 3 1
		—————	127 6 2
		£5,025 9 4	—————

* Travelling Charges and visits to various towns.

Dr.

CURRENT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

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FROM JANUARY 1ST, 1876, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1876.

To Receipts :—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Donations	.	£541 15 11	By Balance Overspent, January 1, 1876	.
Subscriptions	.	205 12 6	"	171 11 11
Sundries	.	3 6 11	Educational, Musical, and Tuning Department :—	
		750 15 4	Salaries	£1,470 1 1
Receipts on behalf of particular Pupils :—			Travelling	27 16 5
Donations	.	£335 16 0	Fares of Pupils to and from	
Subscriptions	.	1,617 17 1	Factories	62 2 4
Fees for Private Pupils	.	865 0 0	Hiring Instruments, and	
		2,848 13 1	moving same	34 18 6
Balance Overspent	.	25 5 11	Musical and Tuning Appliances, Books, &c.	46 12 8
			Sundries	13 2 7
			" House Expenses :—	
			Rates, Taxes, and Repairs	£183 10 0
			Wages	295 6 10
			Provisions	1,314 16 9
			Firing and Lighting	288 17 4
			Washing	224 6 6
			Advances to Pupils	6 6 3
			Insurance	10 5 0
			Postage and Stationery	14 14 4
			Haberdashery	7 10 5
			Sundries	20 3 10
				2,364 17 3
				4,979 10 16
	" Office and General Expenses :			
	Proportion chargeable to Current Expenditure (for particulars see Building Fund)			
				173 11 7
				£4,124 14 4
				£4,124 14 4

To Receipts :—

£4,124 14 4

£4,124 14 4

GENERAL CASH STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	ASSETS.	£ s. d.
To Balance due to Bankers, Messrs. Ransome & Co.	130 1 10	By Balance at Bankers, Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, & Co.	£90 1 8
" Cheques drawn but not presented	928 5 7	Cash in hand, since paid into Bank.	165 0 0
" Balance of Building and Outfit Account not yet expended *	127 0 2	" Cash in Secretary's hands	255 1 8
		" Do. at the College	30 0 0
		" Overspent on Current Account	75 0 0
			825 5 11
			<u>£1,185 7 7</u>

* There are Liabilities on Building and Outfit Account not yet entered in the accounts, amounting to upwards of £6,000.

We beg to certify that we have examined the above accounts, and compared them with the Vouchers, and find they are correct.

WAGSTAFF BLUNDELL, BIGGS, & CO.,
Accountants,
16 Gresham Street, London, E.C.

13th February, 1877.

GIFTS IN KIND.

Gifts of clothing from Mrs. Benzon, Mrs. Dunlop, and Mrs. Tebb.

Gift of frame containing specimens of raised type (Moon's) in various languages, from Sir Charles Lowther, Bart.

Gift of various portions of the Bible and other books, in Moon's type, from Sir Charles Lowther, Bart.

A second gift of books from William's Library.

Gifts for Christmas tree :—

Major Fitz Roy	0	10	0
Mrs. Ewald	0	2	0
F. Hartvigson, Esq.	1	0	0
T. P. Warren, Esq.	1	0	0
M. W. S.	0	10	0
E. S. A.	0	10	0
Wm. Shaen, Esq.	1	0	0
Dr. Hetley	0	5	0
M. C. G.	0	10	0
Mrs. Hearn and Friends	1	0	0
Mrs. Sewell and Miss Hankey .	Scarves, ties, &c.		
Mr. Poole	Collars, cuffs, ties, &c.		
Mrs. Coffin	Gloves, ties, ornaments, & confectionery.		
A Friend	Gift of fruit.		

LIST OF DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS,

For the General Purposes of the Institution and for particular pupils. Also of Contributions for the Foundation, Building and Outfit Fund, received from January 1 to December 31, 1876.

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund and for particular Pupils are marked thus (*).

The Hon. Treasurer will be glad to be informed of any inaccuracies in this List.

	Donations £ s. d.	Subscriptions £ s. d.	Building Fund £ s. d.
*Ackroyd, W., Esq.	...	5 0 0	
Acland, Rev. A. H. D.	...	1 1 0	
Alcock, Sir Rutherford, K.C.B.	...	2 2 0	
Alcock, Lady	...	1 1 0	
*Allardice, Miss	...	5 0 0	
*Anderson, Miss	...	4 0 0	
Anonymous	1 10 0		
Ditto	0 4 0		
Antrobus, Rev. J. (2 payments)	...	3 3 0	
Antrobus, Miss	...	1 1 0	
Arbutbnot, A., Esq.	...	2 2 0	
Argyll, Duchess of	...	1 0 0	
*Armitage, T. R., Esq., M.D. (4 payments)	...	277 10 0	
*Armitage, W. J., Esq.	...	10 0 0	
*Armitage, Mrs. W. J. (3 payments)	44 12 0	5 0 0	
Ashley, Hon. W., the late (2 payments)	...	4 0 0	
A Widow's Mite	0 2 6		
*Ayent, J. S., Esq., M.D.	...	0 10 0	
Baker, Sir George, Bart.	...	1 1 0	
Baker, Lady	...	1 1 0	
Baker, Mrs.	...	...	5 0 0
*Ball, Miss	0 10 0		
*Balls, Mrs.	...	4 0 0	
*Barber, Miss R. G. (4 payments)	...	80 0 0	
*Barelay, Perkins, & Co., Messrs.	10 0 0		
Barry, Rev. Canon	...	5 0 0	
Batchelor, Miss	2 0 0		
Bathurst, Miss A.	...	...	5 0 0

					Donations £ s. d.	Subscriptions £ s. d.	Bu ^{ld} ing Fund £ s. d.
Baxendale, R. B., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	...	10 0 0
Beauclerk, Lord J. A.	.	.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Beckett, W., Esq.	.	.	.	.	5 0 0		
Belcher, Lady	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Belcher, Miss H.	.	.	.	.	5 0 0		
Bengough, J. C., Esq	.	.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Benn, Miss	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Benzon, Mrs. (proceeds of concert)	.	.	.	139	1 0	5 5 0	
*Ditto	.	.	.	.	30 0 0		
Benzon, Miss Lily	.	.	.	.	5 0 0		
Bessborough, Earl of.	.	.	.	.	...	2 0 0	
*Bevan, C. J., Esq.	.	.	.	.	10 0 0		
*Birch, Mrs.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Bishop, Miss	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Blair, Mrs.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Boilean, Miss M. G..	.	.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Boothby, Mrs. C.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Boots, Mrs.	.	.	.	.	...	12 0 0	
Bosanquet, Mrs. H. A.	.	.	.	.	5 5 0		
Boultbee, Admiral	.	.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Bowyer & Sons, Messrs.	.	.	.	.	...	...	20 0 0
*Braby, Miss	.	.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Bradberry, T., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Bradford Ladies' Committee (per Miss A. E. Holloway) (2 payments)	.	.	.	.	...	30 0 0	
Braithwaite, Isaac, Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	...	25 0 0
*Bridsom, Mrs. C. M.	.	.	.	.	5 5 0		
Bristol Committee of the College (per Wm. Harford, Esq.) (2 payments)	.	.	.	.	...	112 1 8	
*Broade, G. G., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Brodshaw, Mrs. P.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Buckle, J., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	50 0 0	
Burges, J. Y., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Burt, Miss	.	.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Butterworth, J. W., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Buxton, Mrs. Gurney (2 payments)	.	.	.	.	...	30 0 0	
*Buxton, Mrs. L. C.	.	.	.	.	...	15 0 0	
*Cadman, C. R., Esq.	.	.	.	.	5 0 0		
Carter, Miss S.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Casson, Miss	.	.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
*Chambers, G. H., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	15 0 0	
Chance, H., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Chaplin, Mrs.	.	.	.	.	...	2 0 0	
Chelmsford, Lord	.	.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
*Cheshire, G., Esq. (2 payments)	.	.	.	.	...	11 0 0	

			Donations £ s. d.	Subscriptions £ s. d.	Building Fund. £ s. d.
*Chilcott, Miss	.	.	...	0 10 0	
Chittel, J., Esq.	.	.	5 12 0		
*Christian, Mrs.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
'Christian,' Readers of the (per Messrs.					
Morgan & Scott)	.	.	11 15 0		
Christie, Mrs.	.	.	5 0 0		
*Churchill, Miss	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Ditto	.	.	0 1 0		
Clive, C. Meysey, Esq.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
*Coats, Sir Peter (2 payments)	.	.	...	50 0 0	
Cockburn, General	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Codner, Mrs. Elizabeth	.	.	3 0 0		
Colebrook, John, Esq.	.	.	...	...	5 5 0
*Cookson, S., Esq. (4 payments)	.	.	...	60 0 0	
Coope, Octavius, Esq., M.P.	.	.	...	...	20 0 0
Courtauld, Samuel, Esq.	.	.	...	...	10 0 0
Crampton, Mrs. P. C.	.	.	5 0 0		
*Ditto	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Crawley, J., Esq.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Croft, Mrs.	.	.	1 0 0		
Croson, Mrs.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
*Cross, H., Esq.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Cruikshank, Mrs.	.	.	1 0 0		
Cullingford, W. H., Esq.	.	.	...	3 3 0	
Cumberbatch, L. T., Esq., M.D. (2 years)	.	.	...	2 2 0	
Cumberbatch, Mrs.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Cundy, C. F., Esq.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
*Dakin, H., Esq.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Darwin, W. E., Esq.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Davis, A., Esq.	.	.	...	6 5 0	
Davis, Mrs. W. D.	.	.	...	...	5 0 0
*Ditto (2 payments)	.	.	...	18 15 0	
D. B.	.	.	1 0 0		
Debeuham, W., Esq.	.	.	...	...	5 5 0
*Deffell, H., Esq.	.	.	...	10 0 0	
Devonshire, His Grace the Duke of, K.G.	.	.	...	...	100 0 0
*D. G., Hon. (2 payments)	.	.	22 0 0		
Dicker, J. C., Esq.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Directors of the Dundee Institution for the					
Blind (per R. B. Ritchie, Esq., Treasurer)	.	.	...	60 0 0	
Doxat, Miss	.	.	...	2 0 0	
Doyle, P. W., Esq.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Drapers, Worshipful Company of	.	.	...	...	21 0 0
*Droop, H. R., Esq.	.	.	...	5 5 0	
Drummond, R., Esq.	.	.	...	1 1 0	

					Donations £ s. d.	Subscriptions £ s. d.	Building Fund £ s. d.
Dudley, Earl of.	.	.	.	.	...	...	500 0 0
*Duke, Rev. R. (4 payments)	.	.	.	.	...	20 0 0	
Dungannon, Viscountess	.	.	.	.	5 0 0		
*Durlacher, Henry, Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
*Edinburgh Committee of the College (per							
J. P. Coldstream, Esq.) (2 payments)	.	.	.	.	...	100 0 0	
*Edwards-Moss, Sir T., Bart.	.	.	.	.	2 0 0		
Egerton, Lord, of Tatton	.	.	.	.	...	...	25 0 0
Eliot, C., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Elliot, Sir T. F.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Ellis, Mr. Alderman	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Erskine, Lady	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Erskine, Miss	.	.	.	.	5 0 0		
E. W.	.	.	.	.	0 10 0		
*Farley, Miss					...	2 2 0	
*Farquhar, Miss E.	.	.	.	.	10 0 0		
Fawcett, Miss	.	.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Field, B., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
*Field, Mrs. M. A. (4 paymments)	.	.	.	.	...	20 0 0	
Filliter, F., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
FitzRoy, Major C. C.	.	.	.	.	...	2 0 0	
Fletcher, Mrs.	.	.	.	.	1 0 0		
Flight, T., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	3 3 0	
*Fonseca, Mrs.	.	.	.	.	...	2 0 0	
Fraser, A., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Freak, C. J., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	...	50 0 0
Gardner, Henry, Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	...	1000 0 0
*Glasgow Committee of the College (per							
W. A. Arrol, Esq.) (3 payments)	.	.	.	.	...	252 10 0	
*Glennie, J. E., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	65 0 0	
Glennie, W. R., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Goldsmid, Sir Francis, Bart., M.P.	.	.	.	.	10 0 0		
*Gould, Miss F.	.	.	.	.	...	0 10 0	
*Gould, Miss H. N.	.	.	.	.	...	0 10 0	
Gover, Rev. Canon	.	.	.	.	...	2 0 0	
Grainger, C. F., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Greathead, Miss M. E. H.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Greene, Miss M. C.	.	.	.	.	7 8 7		
Gregory, J., Esq.	.	.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Grocers, Worshipful Company of	.	.	.	.	100 0 0		
Gull, Lady	.	.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
Gwydyr, Lord	.	.	.	.	...	2 2 0	

			Donations £ s. d.	Subscriptions £ s. d.	Building Fund £ s. d.
Haig, Mrs. F.	.	.	3 0 0		
*Haliburton, Mrs. A. L. N.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
*Hamilton, Miss	.	.	...	0 10 0	
Hamilton, F. A., Esq. (2 payments)	.	.	20 0 0		
*Hankey, Miss	.	.	10 0 0		
Hardy, Miss	.	.	7 0 0		
Hardy, Miss C.	.	.	1 10 0		
Harrington, Elizabeth, Countess of	.	.	...	...	5 0 0
Harris, A., Esq.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
Harris, F. W., Esq.	.	.	...	...	5 5 0
Hawksley, Thomas, Esq., M.D.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
Healey, E. C., Esq.	.	.	...		105 0 0
*Heap, Mrs. E. (4 payments)	.	.	1 1 0	22 10 0	
Henin, Madlle. d'	.	.	...	...	5 0 0
*Hennings, Mrs.	.	.	5 0 0		
Herley, F., Esq., M.D.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
*Hewitt, Miss	.	.	...	5 0 0	
Hicks, M. G., Esq.	.	.	5 5 0		
Hill, Sir William and Lady	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Holland, Col.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Home, J. W., Esq. (4 payments)	.	.	...	60 0 0	
Hope, Mrs. Emma	.	.	...	1 0 0	
*Howell, Miss A. (2 payments)	.	.	...	15 0 0	
*Jenkinson, J., Esq.	.	.	...	12 0	
*Jervoise, Sir J. Clarke, Bart.	.	.	...	1	
Ditto	.	.	...	5 0 0	
Joseph, Miss	.	.	1 1 0		
Karslake, W. W., Esq.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
Kaye, Miss H. E. A.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
*Kinnaird, Lady	.	.	12 10 6		
*Kinnaird, Lord	.	.	4 19 6		
*Kinsley, John, Esq.	.	.	30 0 0		
Kirk, John, Esq.	.	.	...	0 10 6	
*Lang, Mrs.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Larkin, S., Esq. (2 payments)	.	.	...	30 0 0	
Lawrence, The Misses	.	.	1 0 0		
Leathersellers, The Worshipful Company of	10 10 0				
*Leigh, Miss M.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Lempriere, Miss	.	.	...	2 2 0	
Lewin, J. E., Esq.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Lewis, Mrs. L.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
L. F. P.	.	.	0 10 0		
*Lister, Mrs. E.	.	.	5 0 0		

			Donations £ s. d.	Subscriptions £ s. d.	Building Fund £ s. d.
*Lister, Mrs. E., jun.	.	.	0 10 0		
Littledale, D., Esq.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
*Liverpool, Committee of the College (per C. Inman, Esq.)	.	.	...	70 0 0	
Lowder, Miss Amy	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*Lowo, Mrs. E. M.	.	.	2 2 0		
Lowther, Lady (2 payments)	.	.	15 0 0		
Lowther, Sir Charles, Bart.	.	.	...	10 0 0	
Loyd, W. Jones, Esq.	.	.	...	5 5 0	
Lunn, W. A. B., Esq.	.	.	30 0 0		
*McCandlish, Miss (3 payments)	.	.	...	25 10 0	
Macdonald, Lady R.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Macdonald, Miss R.	.	.	...	0 10 6	
McKenzie, Mrs.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
McKinnell, J., Esq.	.	.	...	1 1 0	
*McKintosh, M. A., Esq. (3 payments)	.	.	...	50 0 0	
*Malcolm, W. E., Esq.	.	.	...	10 0 0	
*Manchester Committee of the College (per J. Sewell, Esq.)	.	.	...	180 0 0	
*Margetson, W., Esq. (3 payments)	.	.	...	75 0 0	
Ditto	.	.	5 5 0		
*Markby, Miss	.	.	0 10 0		
*Martyn, Mrs. S.	.	.	...	0 10 0	
Matheson, Donald, Esq.	.	.	...	1 0 0	
Matheson, Hugh, Esq.	.	.	...	...	100 0 0
Maude, H. H., Esq.	.	.	2 0 0		
M. B. S.	.	.	...	2 2 0	
*Mepham, Mr. J. C.	.	.	...	1 10 0	
Mercers, Worshipful Company of	.	.	...	...	52 10 0
Merchant Taylors, Worshipful Company of	.	.	...	...	31 10 0
*Miall, A., Esq.	.	.	10 0 0		
*Mildmay, H. B., Esq.	.	.	50 0 0		
Millais, Mrs. J. E.	.	.	...	...	5 0 0
Miller, G., Esq. (2 years)	.	.	...	1 1 0	
Mocatta, F. D., Esq.	.	.	...	...	10 10 0
Montefiore, Sir Moses, Bart.	.	.	5 0 0		
*Montjean, Rev.	1 1 0	
Moore, J., jun., Esq.	1 1 0	
*Moreland, E. B. (2 payments)	.	.	3 0 0	5 0 0	
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1st line.

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2nd line.

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unto	very								

3rd line.

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shall		this		which					will

4th line.

The signs of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th lines are formed from those of the 1st by the addition of lower dots.

The signs of the 5th line are the same as those of the 1st, except that they are written in the middle and lower holes.

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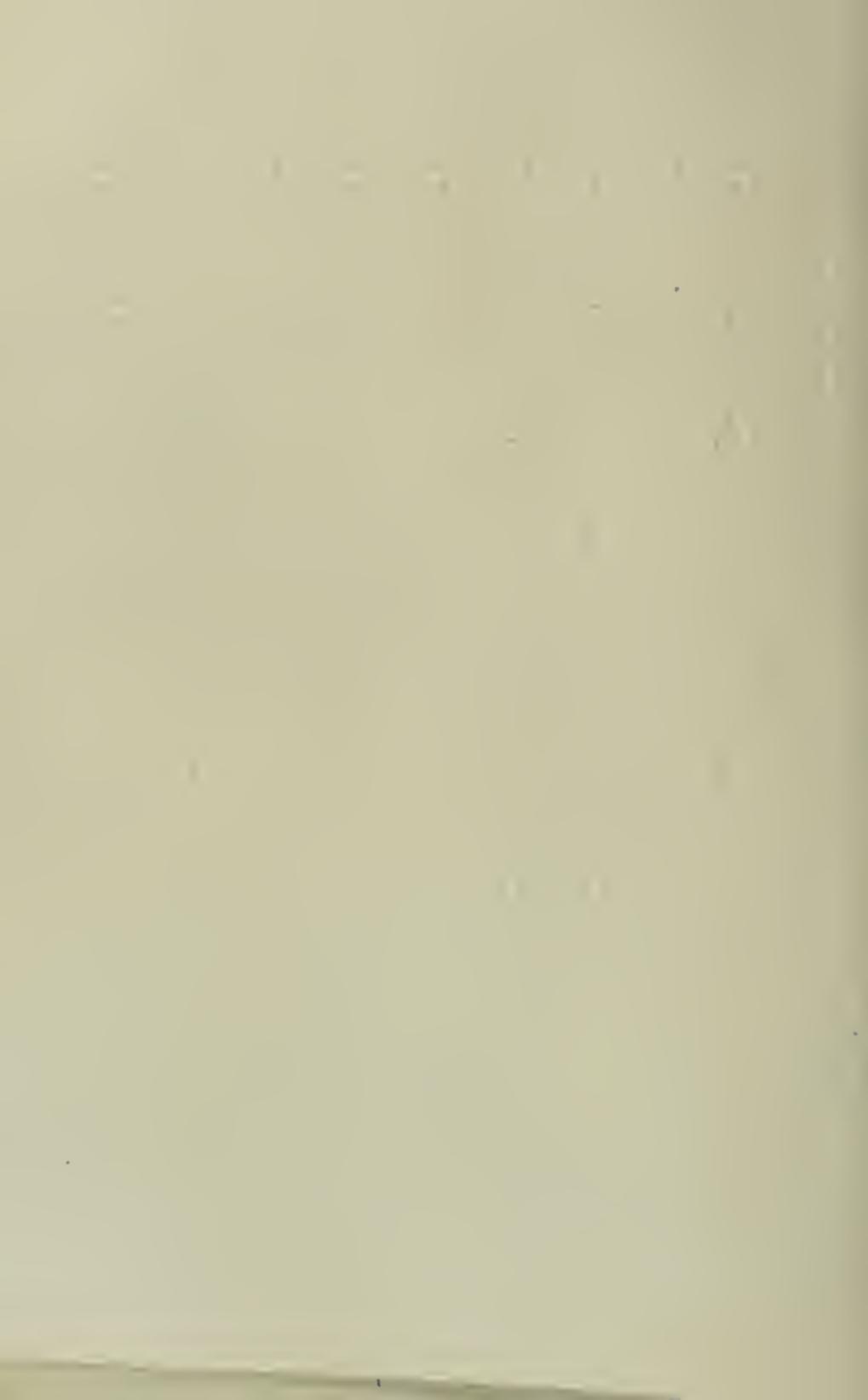
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6th line.

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T. R. ARMITAGE, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*



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“I give and bequeath, out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be applied for that purpose, the sum of*
free of legaey duty, to the ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE AND ACADEMY OF MUSIC FOR THE BLIND, situated at Upper Norwood, Surrey ; and the receipt of the Treasurer of the said Institution for the time being shall be a good discharge to my executors for the same.”

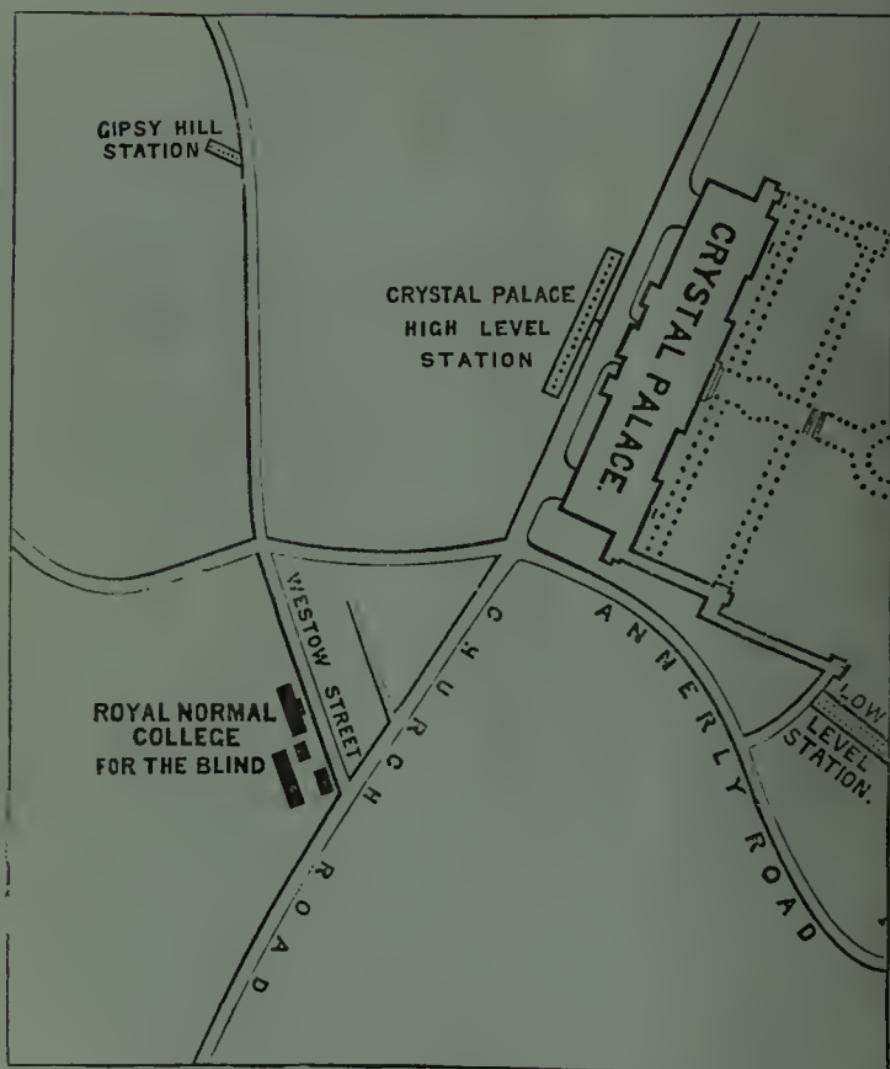
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OUTLINE MAP

Showing the Position of the College at Upper Norwood, and of the Railway Stations
in the Neighbourhood.



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